

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

JOSEPH W. LAWSON,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Case No.: 14-185 JPG/PMF
SPARTA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL DISTRICT,)
et al.,)
Defendants.)

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on plaintiff's motion to dismiss (Doc.17), which the Court construes as a notice of dismissal pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(i). Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(i) allows a plaintiff to dismiss an action without a court order at any time before the opposing party serves an answer or a motion for summary judgment. The defendant has not served an answer or motion for summary judgment in this case. Because the plaintiff has an absolute right to dismiss this case at the present time, the Court finds this case is **DISMISSED without prejudice** and **DIRECTS** the Clerk of Court to close this case.

DATED: June 16, 2014

s/J. Phil Gilbert
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE